

World Jewry 1497 (WJC)

The Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act is sponsored by Republican Senator Mike DeWine and Democrat Daniel P. Moynihan.

■ FAULTY INTELLIGENCE

The Central Intelligence Agency warned U.S. President Harry Truman in 1948 that Israel might become a Soviet client, according to newly declassified documents.

In a report sent to President Truman on May 14, 1948, the date that the State of Israel was proclaimed, the CIA warned that "formation of a Jewish state in Palestine will enable the USSR to intensify its efforts to expand Soviet influence in the Near East and to perpetuate a chaotic condition there."

■ WARNING?

Britain's internal intelligence service, MI5, was pre-warned of the bombing of Israel's embassy in Buenos Aires in 1992, but did not convey the warning to either Israel or Argentina.

The disclosure, contained in a British press account, is the latest of a series of MI5 "bungles" brought to light through the media.

■ ARCHIVE

The University of Colorado has announced a project to document repression of Jews in the former Soviet Union and the international advocacy movement that arose on behalf of Soviet Jews in the 1960s.

The International Soviet Jewry Archival Project will chronicle the era through thousands of videotaped interviews with activists, refuseniks, political prisoners, non-

Jewish Russian citizens, and former U.S., Israeli, and Soviet officials.

■ NAZI OUT

Protesting delays in deportation proceedings, about 200 people picketed outside the Pennsylvania home of a former member of a Lithuanian police force that helped Nazis kill Jews during World War II.

A federal judge had revoked the citizenship of Jonas Stelmokas, a retired architect living in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, in 1995, concluding that Stelmokas hid his membership in the Third Lithuanian Auxiliary Police Battalion from U.S. immigration officials.

ISRAEL

■ CUTTING BACK

The Histadrut, Israel's federation of labor unions, has announced that 50,000 employees in the banking sector will switch to a five-day work week beginning in January.

According to the new hours, several banking centers will continue to operate on Friday, but the day will no longer be considered a business day.

■ SELF-HELP

A special program for training *haredi* (ultra-Orthodox) women as social workers is being conducted at Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

The program, which will confer B.A.'s in social work on graduates of the two-year program, is intended to develop professionals qualified to deal with social problems in the ultra-Orthodox community.